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## NOTES AND NEWS.

DR. JAMES CUSHING MERRILL, a Fellow of the American Ornithologists' Union, died at his home in Washington, D. C., on October 27, 1902. He was born March 23, 1853, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where his boyhood was spent and the earlier part of his education obtained. He afterwards attended school in Germany, and on returning to this country entered the Medical Department of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he was graduated in 1874. About a year later he was appointed